Washington, DC – Today, Rep. Walz released the following statement recognizing sacrifice of American POW/MIA servicemembers and their families on this national day on recognition:

"Today, we pause to remember and honor those American soldiers who have been taken prisoner or gone missing while they were protecting our nation. We reaffirm our commitment to the sacred promise that we will leave no one behind. We also remember the service and sacrifice of their families and pledge to them we will never forget the heroism of their loved ones."

Rep. Walz has been appointed a member of the U.S. – Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIAs. The Commission is a forum through which the U.S. and Russia work together to account for missing servicemembers.

This evening, Rep. Walz will participate in the Minnesota VFW's Fall Convention and will remember POW/MIA servicemembers in his address.